

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in recognition of the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise.

WHEREAS, Henry Clay was a Kentucky legend known for his love of this Commonwealth, his fierce defense of this nation, and his ability to find a common ground upon which he and his political opponents would rightfully compromise; and

WHEREAS, regarded as a gifted orator, statesman, gentleman, and diplomat, Henry Clay served the Kentucky General Assembly as a young legislator and then as Speaker of the State House, as a United States Senator and Speaker of the House, and in March 1825 was appointed Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Henry Clay would famously ship barrels of Kentucky's finest bourbon to the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., to use in his diplomatic efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship was founded in 2007, and since its beginning it has educated tomorrow's leaders on issues such as statesmanship, diplomacy, and compromise; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, more than two hundred years after Henry Clay was first elected to the Kentucky General Assembly, the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship will partner with the Kentucky Distillers' Association to rekindle the tradition that Mr. Clay began; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2015, at historic Ashland in Lexington, Kentucky, the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise was filled by Master Distillers and sent to the historic Intercontinental Willard Hotel in Washington; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 7:00 p.m. on February 3, United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will greet the commemorative barrel and the distillers at the hotel, offer some remarks, and then host a premium bourbon tasting; and

WHEREAS, the bourbons used in the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise are Woodford Reserve, Bulleit, Four Roses Single Barrel, Evan Williams Single Barrel, Jim Beam Signature Collection, Maker's Mark, Michter's Small Batch, Town Branch Single

Barrel, and Wild Turkey 101, an appropriate combination of Kentucky's most historic and quality bourbons; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body hereby honors the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship and the Kentucky Distillers' Association upon the delivery of the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise to Washington, D.C.; commends the hard work and dedication of all those associated with this Commonwealth's bourbon industry; and acknowledges the great statesman Henry Clay, who famously said on February 6, 1850, that compromise is "a work of mutual concession...and mutual sacrifice" and implored his fellow Americans to embrace the selflessness, generosity, and goodwill that are the foundation of all lasting compromise;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship and the Kentucky Distillers' Association upon the successful delivery of the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise, and hopes that the barrel can be, as Henry Clay intended, a symbolic gesture toward greater healing and understanding on behalf of this nation's lawmakers and its people.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the Bourbon Barrel of Compromise.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship, 300 North Broadway, Old Morrison Suite 101, Lexington, Kentucky 40508, and to the Kentucky Distillers' Association, 614 Shelby Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.